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SUBJ: U.N. FINANCES: PROCESSING USG PAYMENTS TO UNITED

NATIONS AGENCIES

1. WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY, PAYMENTS BY VARIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN MADE DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER UN AGENCIES OR DEPOSITED IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN UNNECESSARY CONFUSION, EMBARRASSMENT AND TIME-CONSUMING TRACKING OF CHECKS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION. IN SOME INSTANCES USUN HAS BECOME AWARE OF A USG PAYMENT ONLY WHEN IT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, WHEN CONTACTED BY A SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF A PARTICULAR CHECK, OR WHEN REQUESTED BY A SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL TO IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF A PARTICULAR PAYMENT.

2. GIVEN THE SITUATION, WE QUESTION WHETHER OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING AND MONITORING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF BOTH ASSESSED AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM ALL ELEMENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN BE FULLY INFORMED. FURTHERMORE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO USG AND UN THAT OUR RESPONSE TO APPEALS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HEADS OF OTHER UN PROGRAMS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER RELIEF, SOCIAL DEFENSE, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, DECADE FOR WOMEN, UN VOLUNTEERS, ETC., AS WELL AS FOR PAYMENTS OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN REGULAR BUDGET AND UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES BE PROPERLY NOTED.

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3. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE TRANSFER OF ALL PAYMENTS OF US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN AGENCIES FOR WHICH NEW YORK-BASED HEAD-QUARTERS IS RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH IO/EX/IFM OFFICER IN CHARGE OF IO FUNDS MANAGEMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, WHO WILL IN TURN FORWARD PAYMENTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO THE UN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THIS MISSION WITH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELIVERY TO THE PROPER UN OFFICE. MISSION URGES THAT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER BE ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT TO ALL US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO UN AGENCIES THROUGH NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS.
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